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Dear Ms. Shreve:

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to participate in AFCEA's 36th Annual Convention Report issue of SIGNAL Magazine.

Enclosed is a statement which you are free to use if you choose.

Thank you for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

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Director of Central Intelligence

Enclosure

## Increased Emphasis on Intelligence Support

CONGRATULATIONS to AFCEA on its 35th anniversary, and best wishes for your continued success.

While somewhat new in my present position, I am well aware of the vital contributions to our national security made by the many companies which supply our communications and data systems, without which we could not fulfill our responsibilities.

In the period ahead, we will continue to place increasing emphasis on intelligence support to the policy makers of our nation. The demand for intelligence will continue to grow in direct proportion to our continuing concern with political and military developments outside our borders and to the ever expanding international problems in areas such as international terrorism, technology transfer, energy, narcotics and the many other important concerns facing all nations. These will not only place a heavy demand on our budget but will at the same time challenge us to produce new and innovative solutions.

Our effectiveness will depend in large measure on the continuing and ever increasing working relationships with many organizations, but, in particular, with elements of the Department of Defense and the com-

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panies supporting AFCEA. We are dedicated to our mission and will continue to enlist assistance in meeting the intelligence challenges of the 80s. Again, thank you for the opportunity to give you some thoughts on the intelligence community. You have my continuing good wishes.

Message for SIGNAL Magazine

Heartiest congratulations to AFCEA on the occasion of its 36th anniversary.

In this issue last year I acknowledged my relative newness to the position of Director of Central Intelligence, but nevertheless voiced my awareness of the crucial contributions made to our national security by the many individuals and corporations that create and produce communications and data systems. My added experiences of the last year have served to bolster that awareness.

I note with interest your 36th anniversary theme of the emergence of command, control, communications, and intelligence (C<sup>3</sup>I), and the essentiality of C<sup>3</sup>I to our nation's security and preparedness. It should be no surprise to you that the "I" in C<sup>3</sup>I is of particular importance to me in this formulation. Modern intelligence requirements are more arcane and sophisticated than ever before in our history, intertwined as they are with concern for military, diplomatic, and economic developments in a hundred foreign countries. Today's intelligence must look hard at a variety of transnational issues--technology transfer, world energy and material resources, and nuclear proliferation. These complicated issues are heavily superimposed on the more traditional intelligence concerns that deal with the political, military, and economic factors at work in the foreign environment.

I have become convinced over the last year that no intelligence service in the world today surpasses our own capability. One of our missions, of course, is to keep it that way. To do so we will remain heavily reliant

upon our working partners within the Intelligence Community and, in addition, those corporations and organizations in the private sector who share our interests and concerns. To those among them who support AFCEA, please know that we share many common goals and challenges; we will continue to seek their assistance in a spirit of dedicated cooperation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in your anniversary celebration. Best wishes for the future.